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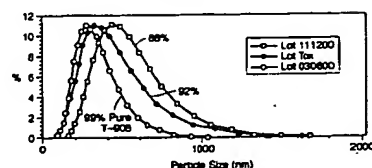
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(54) Use of purified surface modifiers to prevent particle aggregation during sterilization.

(57) A composition comprising nanoparticles having a purified polymeric surfactant as a surface modifier adsorbed on the surface thereof and a cloud point modifier associated therewith, which cloud point modifier is present in an amount sufficient to increase the cloud point of the surface modifier, and a method of making such nanoparticles is described. Preferred purified polymeric surfactants are purified polyalkyleneoxide substituted ethylenediamine surfactants and a preferred cloud point modifier is poly-

ethylene glycol.

FIG. 4





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